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1. CAMISADE and CAMISE attended their musicale as planned on Saturday, 12 April 1947, in Berlin-Frohnau in the French Sector. The Russians, however, did not appear on the scene to abduct CAMISE in PREGNANT's usual fashion.

2. After the musicale CAMISADE escorted CAMISE from Frohnau to Hermsdorf, where he left her. He then proceeded to Birkenfelde (Russian Zone) to spend his weekend, as usual, with his friend Frau WIELAND. Arriving at her home at about 2100 hours, he found the house deserted and entered with his own key. A few minutes later, two MVD men arrived at the house. One, a small blond officer, he had never seen before, but he recognized the officer's interpreter as a Czech whom he had seen once at the MVD Lengoer Strasse office.

3. CAMISADE was immediately accused of having informed the French police and of having tried to double-cross the Russians in connection with the CAMISE visit to Frohnau. The Russians claimed they had seen more French vehicles at the Frohnau station and along the streets leading to the musicale than was normal.

Field Comment: On that particular Saturday afternoon, one of the first bright spring days, there were admittedly more cars on the road and more people in the streets. The Russians did not evidently realize, however, that the musicale scene was in an area of French headquarters units, billets, clubs and messes. The area is admittedly a hazardous one for PREGNANT to have tried an abduction in broad daylight.

4. The MVD men accepted CAMISADE's protestation of innocence and departed. At about 2300 hours Frau WIELAND returned home. She declared she had been taken from her home to the MVD office in Birkenfelde and held there for more than two hours. During this time she had been questioned on her relations with CAMISADE, what she knew about him, what she suspected of his relations with the French and Americans.

5. CAMISADE returned to Berlin Monday morning, 14 April 1947, and went directly to his room. There he learned that two Russians (not the same ones who had visited Birkenfelde) had visited his apartment on the previous evening, at about 2000 hours, and had made a search of his quarters. After negative results and inquiring on CAMISADE's whereabouts, the Russians had departed.

Field Comment: In view of the Russian suspicions, CAMISADE was instructed to take the offensive on his next meeting with PREGNANT. He was told to state he had tried to warn PREGNANT (by telegram) that he feared the Americans were suspicious and that CAMISE must have some contact with the Americans.

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